Electronic Exchanges (all type were opened in Rajasthan as given in Annexure-]!.

[See Appendix 159, Annexure No. 19]

(b) Names of places where large Electronic Exchanges (MAX-I) are planned to be opened during 1991-92 alongwith their capacity are given at Annexure-III.

[See Appendix 159, Annexure No. 20]

Besides 4140 Nos. of small and Medium sized Electronic Exchanges are also planned to be opened in 1991-92.

(c) Dynamic S.T.D, facility is available in Rajasthan to subscribers served by E-10B Exchanges at Jaipur, Jodhpur and Sriganganagar.

Bus passengers killed in Ropar, Punjab

*151. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will. the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS - be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that about 30 bus passengers were gunned down in Ropar, Punjab, off the Kharar-Kurali main road by the militants on March 22, 1991;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to arrest the culprits;

(c) whether any security arrangements were made by the employees; and

(d) the compensation paid to the next of kin of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Punjab 27 passengers were killed and three others were injured near Kurali, district Ropar on 22-3-1991. Ten members of the killer gang were identified. Seven of them were killed in subsequent encounters with the police.

(c) No Sir. The employer, i.e., the Swaraj Mazda factory had not provided security arrangements to these persons.

(d) Ex-gratia grant of Rs. 50,000/- has beeen paid to the next of kin of those killed. The three injured have bean paid ex-gratia grant of Rs. 5,000/- each.

फिजी में भारतीय मूल के लोगों के साथ भेदभाव

*152. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 12 मार्च, 1991 के स्टेट्समैन में "डिस्क्रिमिनेशन इन फिजी हाइलाइटड" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने फिजी में भारतीय मूल के लोगों के प्रति आर्थिक और राजनीतिक भेदभाव को बन्द करने के लिये फिजी सरकार के साथ इस मामले को उठाया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी) (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी नहीं । स्वर्गीय डा० बवान्द्र के नेतृत्व वाली लोकतांत्रिक तरीके से चुनी गयी सरकार को सत्ता से हटा कर दिसम्बर, 1987 में सत्ता में आये फिजी के गैर-कानूनी शासन को भारत सरकर मान्यता नहीं देती है ?

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Tapping of telephones.

*153. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone tapping is still continuing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not. since when telephone tapping has been stopped by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) At present, interception of Telephone messages is permissible only under Section 5(2) of Indian Telegraph Act, by authorised officers of Central and State Government under certain specific condition. Department of Telecom, only extends technical facilities when specifically requested by such authorised officers under these provisions of the Act.

Withdrawal of transit facilities by Pakistan

* 154. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan has withdrawn the transit facilities available to the Indian passengers in its Internationa! Airports;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether vjovernment have sent any letter of protest to the Pakistan Government in this matter and if so, what is Pakistan Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether there is likely to be any change in the schedule for the meetings of the two Foreign Secretaries in view of gross violation of Visa agreements and Joint Commissions decisions and also Pakistan's charge of transit facilities being misused by Indian intelligence agents?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

Statement

(a) to (c) The Government of Pakistan has withdrawn transit facilities for Indian nationals who arrive at Pakistani airports without obtaining a visa in advance. Such facilities, however, are not covered under the existing visa agreement between India and Pakistan.

Reports in the Pakistani Press on the Pakistani decision stated that the decision to withdraw the transit facility was being taken because the facility was being "gravely misused" by Indian nationals and that a large number of illegal Indian immigrants had stayed back in Pakistan.

Government rejected the allegation of misuse of the transit facility and denied the charge that a large number of Indian nationals had illegally stayed back. The matter was also taken up with the Government of Pakistan both at Islamabad and through their High Commission in New Delhi.

There is no change in the schedule of the Foreign Secretary level meeting.

Delhi police order on tinted glasses in Vehicles

*155. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police have ordered removal of tinted glasses from all vehicles, plying in Delhi, under the Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) if so, whether the orders of the Delhi Police cover Government vehicles also;

(c) whether the Delhi Police have started challaning the erring vehicle owners; and

(d) if so, the number of challans so far made after notification of the order?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) In April, 1991, the Delhi Police warned the Delhi motorists, through a press note of prosecution from 16fh May, 1991 in case of violation of the